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DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF BAMBOO
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total production, demand and supply of bamboo in the country at present;

(b) whether the present production of bamboo is less than its demands;

(c) if so, the manner in which the demand of bamboo is likely to be met;

(d) whether there is any proposal to increase the areas for bamboo cultivation;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the extent to which the demand of bamboo is likely to be met during the Tenth Plan period?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) to (f) Based on inventory reports published by the Forest Survey of India, Dehra Dun from time to time, it has been estimated that the area under bamboo in the country is 89,600 square kilometres (or 8.96 million hectares) and the growing stock of bamboo is 80.428 million tonnes. There are no reports with the Central Government of scarcity of bamboo in supply vis-a-vis the demands. Plantation of Bamboo is one of the items of work under the existing centrally sponsored scheme of Non-Timber Forest Produce including Medicinal Plants which is being implemented throughout the country. In addition, development of Bamboo resource is now declared a thrust area, and projects solely for Bamboo Plantation are being sanctioned from 1999-2000 onwards on the basis of proposals received from the State Governments subject to availability of funds. Till now, 21 projects for Bamboo Plantation have been sanctioned with an outlay of Rs 20.86 crores for treating an area of 30,163 hectares during the Ninth Plan.